



RANCHO MIRAGE CULTURAL COMMISSION

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022–2023

The City of Rancho Mirage Cultural Commission is proud to present a new season of special events for our residents to experience and enjoy. All events are free and open to the public (plan to arrive early for performances as seating may be limited). For more information or questions, email [programming@ranchomiragelibrary.org](mailto:programming@ranchomiragelibrary.org).

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022 7 PM**

**JACK WRATHER: A LEGACY OF FILM AND FRIENDSHIP**

**RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**



The short documentary *Jack Wrather: A Legacy of Film and Friendship* tells the remarkable story of the Texas oil millionaire who produced film noir classics; built and owned the original Disneyland Hotel; produced hit TV series like *Lassie* and *The Lone Ranger*; and with his wife, movie star Bonita Granville, were successful hoteliers in their beloved Palm Springs. Producers **Alan K. Rode**

and **Steven C. Smith** will host a Q&A, share stories from the golden age of film noir, and discuss their most memorable encounters with such stars as Kirk Douglas, Richard Widmark, and Ernest Borgnine.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2022 7 PM**

**A CLASSICAL CHRISTMAS WITH SOPRANO NATALIE MANN  
AND PIANIST BRUCE MANGUM**

**RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**

Join us as we celebrate Christmas and Hanukkah holiday traditions with beloved songs and American classics. Soprano **Natalie Mann** will sing works including Handel, Bach, and John Jacob Niles, and **Bruce Mangum** will share piano fantasias on holiday classics. Mann is a desert favorite who has sung as a soloist with the San Diego Opera, La Jolla Symphony and Chorus, and Chicago Symphony. Palm Desert resident Mangum is a well-known pianist who plays piano and chamber ensemble recitals throughout the Coachella Valley.



**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 7 PM**

**ANGELS IN THE ARCHITECTURE:  
PETER SPRAGUE PLAYS THE MUSIC OF PAUL SIMON  
RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**



Jazz guitarist **Peter Sprague** leads his ensemble through a tour of Paul Simon's sonic gems. Classics like "Cecilia," "Hearts and Bones," "Sound of Silence," and "You Can Call Me Al" take on a new light with Sprague's creative arrangements. The band features vocalist Allison Adams Tucker along with Tripp Sprague on sax, Rob Thorsen on bass, and Duncan Moore on drums. In 2015, Peter was honored with the Lifetime Achievement award at the San Diego Music Awards.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2023 11 AM-5 PM**

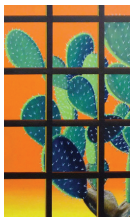
**LUNAR FESTIVAL AT THE RIVER  
THE RIVER AT RANCHO MIRAGE**

The Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are coordinated by the cycles of the moon. For 15 days from late January to the middle of February, China, Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Singapore, and many other Asian countries celebrate the Lunar New Year as a national holiday. Join us at The River at Rancho Mirage (71800 Highway 111) to ring in the Year of the Rabbit with **cultural celebrations, unique food and merchandise vendors, and a terrific line-up of amazing performers** at this family-friendly event.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2023 10 AM-4 PM**

**THE TENTH ANNUAL RANCHO MIRAGE  
ARTISTS STUDIO TOUR AND POP-UP GALLERY  
STARTS AT RANCHO MIRAGE LIBRARY AND OBSERVATORY**



The **Tenth Annual Rancho Mirage Artists Studio Tour** is a self-guided tour that provides the unique opportunity to meet our City's artists in their own environment, seeing how they live and work. The Rancho Mirage Library and Observatory will feature a **Pop-Up Gallery** where additional artists will have their work on display. The tour begins with registration at the Library where participants will receive a map and a pass before heading out for a day of discovery.

**SATURDAY, MAY 6, 2023 7 PM**

**RANCHO MIRAGE TALENT CONTEST  
RANCHO MIRAGE AMPHITHEATER**

The first ever Rancho Mirage talent contest will showcase our community's best performers and entertainers in one of the Coachella Valley's most beautiful outdoor venues. The Cultural Commission is working in partnership with Desert Theatricals to produce this very special event. Finalists will give it their all to take home cash prizes and a chance to be selected by the audience as the area's most popular act. Expect to see **singers, dancers, musicians, magicians, comedians, specialty acts, and more** at this one-of-a-kind show. Those looking to compete can learn more at [ranchomiragelibrary.org/talent](http://ranchomiragelibrary.org/talent).

